

# To Use These Special Parking Privileges Vehicles Must Display a Disabilities License Plate or Placard

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To park in a space designated for persons with disabilities or to use the extended time on meters, you must display either:

### A Physical Disabilities Vehicle License Plate

- ◆ A special physician-certified parking license plate for the person with a disability's primary vehicle (valid for 3 years and renewable) and/or,

### A Temporary or Permanent Physical Disabilities Dashboard Placard

- ◆ A dashboard placard that can be used during a physician-certified temporary disability (valid for impairments lasting at least 5 weeks), or
- ◆ A permanent physician-certified dashboard placard (valid for 3 years and renewable) that can be moved from vehicle to vehicle is ongoing.

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(302) 576-2460

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for persons with disabilities  
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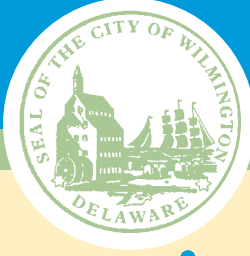
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## Improved System of Parking for Persons with Disabilities *and New Penalties for Parking Abusers*



# Making Your Visit to Downtown Wilmington More Convenient, Enjoyable and Productive

If you or someone you care for is a person with a disability, you know how important it is to find a parking space near your destination. The Mayor's Office, City Council and Access Wilmington also recognize the importance of making parking in the downtown area more convenient for you and your stay in our City more enjoyable.

That is why we want you to know about a new Law that brings the City's code regarding parking for persons with disabilities up to the Delaware Code by providing more metered space and more equal access to parking throughout the City. The new Law also penalizes those who abuse this system or abuse the special licensing that is offered to persons with disabilities.

As you will see from the street map inside this brochure, we have increased the number of specially marked metered spaces so that up to 10% of the spaces closest to commercial and institutional locations are set aside for persons with disabilities.

## Meters Allow Up to 2 Hour Parking

Most downtown meters allow parking for specific time periods such as 15 minutes, 1 hour or 2 hours. Now a person with a disabled license plate or dashboard placard can park in "any" metered spot for up to 2 hours, regardless of the time posted. But be sure you put enough money in the meter if you are going to take that extra time. Parking enforcement officers will still issue

fines for any meters that expire. If at all possible, stay to the times posted on the meter to help others find a space near a building as well.

All of these changes should make it much more convenient for people to do business or even just accomplish personal errands while in the City.

## These Rules Apply for Persons with Disabilities and the People Who Drive Them

People who qualify for disabled parking range from those whose walking ability is limited by illnesses such as arthritis or a heart condition, to those who require the assistance of a cane, crutch, another person, a wheelchair or portable oxygen. At times, you may see someone without a clear disability driving a vehicle that has a special handicapped license or walking away from a car that has a handicapped placard showing in the window. Chances are this person has just dropped off the person with a disability or is on the way to pick them up. Of course, abuse does happen. See "Parking Abusers Beware" on the inside panel.





Use this map to find specially marked metered spaces for persons with disabilities, other 2-hour parking spaces and van accessible parking lots in the Downtown area



# Parking Abusers Beware!

Any unauthorized vehicle parked in a designated disabled parking space, or anyone fraudulently using a physically disabled parking placard or license plate will receive a fine of:

- ♦ \$100 for the first offense
- ♦ \$200 fine or a term of imprisonment for 10-30 days, or both, for any subsequent offense. In addition, the vehicle may be towed and stored at the owner's expense.

If you know of someone who may be abusing disabled parking, or suspect someone of abusing these privileges, please do not confront them. Instead, copy down the person's vehicle license number and report suspected abuse to the Wilmington Police Department by calling (302) 654-5151.

